

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 16, with the following amended paragraph:

Typically, a transceiver module is electrically interfaced with a host device, such as a host computer, switching hub, network router, switch box, computer I/O or the like. In many applications [[is]] it is desirable for the transceiver modules to be "hot-pluggable," that is, the transceiver module may be inserted into and removed from the host system without removing electrical power. In this way, if a transceiver module fails, it can more readily be removed from the host device and replaced with a new module without soldering or the like.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 26, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 1 illustrates transceiver module 10, face plate 11, cage 12, and printed circuit board (PCB) 14 in accordance with the present invention. Cage 12 is shown mounted to PCB 14. Cage 12 can be secured to PCB 14 in various ways consistent with present invention. Face plate 11 is fixed [[the]] to PCB 14 and typically includes a plurality of openings. Cage 12 is illustrated extending through one of the openings in face plate 11. Cage 12 may be further secured to faceplate 11 with outwardly-extending prongs or springs or the like. Only a single cage 12 is illustrated extending through faceplate 11 for ease of illustration, but one skilled in the art will recognize that a multiplicity of cages can be mounted to PCB 14 and extend through faceplate 11 to receive a multiplicity of transceivers in accordance with the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 7, with the following amended paragraph:

To remove transceiver module 10 using release tool [[20]] 60, actuator arm 64 is inserted through gap or opening 70 in front face 21 of housing 22. Opening 70 is sized to receive actuator arm 64 and permit actuator arm 64 to pass unimpeded through slot 42. From this first position, as removal tool 60 is advanced toward transceiver module 10, connector engagement elements 62 engage receptacles 20, and ramp portions 52 of actuator arm 64 engage cage latch 16. Ramp portion(s) 52 deflect latch 16 away from surface 33 of transceiver module 10 and consequently away from latch boss 34 to provide clearance for latch boss 34 to pass out of latch slot 40. Once actuator arm 64 of removal tool 60 is fully inserted and adequate clearance is provided, transceiver module 10 can be removed from cage 12, such as by pulling on handle portion 61 of removal tool 60.